

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD  
STATEWIDE ORDER NO. 2  
TESTING AND COMPLETING WELLS FOR PRODUCTION**

**CHAPTER 1040-3-1  
COMPLETION, RECOMPLETION, AND RELATED DOWNHOLE WORK**

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**1040-3-1-.01 TIME LIMIT FOR WELL COMPLETION.** All wells drilled in connection with the production of oil and gas, unless plugged in accordance with well abandonment procedures as stated in Chapter 1040-2-9, shall be completed within one (1) year from cessation of drilling.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§60-1-202. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed June 6, 1975; effective July 5, 1975. Amendment filed July 25, 2005; effective October 8, 2005.

**1040-3-1-.02 NOTIFICATION FOR RE-ENTRY.** Notification to the supervisor is required prior to conducting work for the purpose of deepening a well pursuant to producing oil and/or gas.

The operator must notify the Supervisor twenty-four (24) hours in advance of conducting this proposed operation.

This rule shall not deter an operator from taking immediate action in an emergency to prevent damage when a service company, other than the drilling contractor, performs any work germane to this section, the service company shall furnish the operator, and the operator upon request shall furnish the Supervisor with legible and exact copies of reports furnished the owner or operator of the well.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§60-1-202. *Administrative History:* Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed July 25, 2005; effective October 8, 2005.

**1040-3-1-.03 REPORT FILING.** The operator shall file a Well History, Work Summary and Completion or Recompletion Report (Form R-WH-1) with the Supervisor within thirty (30) days after completing, recompleting or working over a well pursuant to producing oil and/or gas. Wells shall be considered completed when they are capable of being turned into the tanks and/or gas transmission or gathering lines.

*Authority:* T.C.A. §§60-1-202. *Administrative History:* Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**1040-3-1-.04 GAS/OIL RATIO TESTS.**

- (1) All oil wells drilled must be equipped so that gas/oil ratios can be taken at any time. Production and gas/oil ratio tests shall be made when requested by the Supervisor, and shall be witnessed by the Supervisor or his representative.
  - (a) Gas production potential tests shall be made on the Gas Well Deliverability Tests (Form R-DT-1) and submitted as prescribed above to the Supervisor, and thereafter on June 1st and December 1st of each year until the well is abandoned when requested by the supervisor.

(Rule 1040-3-1-.04, continued)

- (b) Gas wells shall not be tested by the "open-flow" method. The back-pressure method of determining the open-flow, as outlined by the Bureau of Mines in their Monograph 1, "Back-Pressure Data on Natural Gas Wells, shall be used. When for any reasons, the completed back-pressure method is not feasible, an acceptable method, not entailing excessive physical waste of gas may be used upon recommendation of the technical staff of the Oil and Gas Board.
- (c) Gas/Oil (c: Gas/Condensate) ratios shall be reported on Form R-PT-1 and Form R-WH-1.
- (d) In the event any operator considers that, for the purpose of determining field allowable, his well has not had a fair determination of its gas/oil ratio, or that its gas/oil ratio has changed because of natural causes or corrective work on his well, he may make application in writing to the Supervisor for a re-test or a special test of the gas/oil ration of his well, and for an adjustment of his well if applicable. If, upon re-testing a well, the Supervisor finds that the new gas/oil ratio justifies a change in the allowable, he is authorized to make such change.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§60-1-202 and 60-1-204. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed June 29, 1982; effective August 13, 1982. Amendment filed July 23, 1991; effective September 6, 1991.

**1040-3-1-.05 PERIODIC GMP TESTS.** Gallons of liquid per thousand cubic feet of gas shall be reported on Periodic GPM Tests Report (Form R-GPM-1) to the Supervisor on the thirtieth (30th) day after the Supervisor requests such data.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §60-1-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**1040-3-1-.06 GAS COMPOSITION ANALYSIS TESTS.** Gas Composition Analysis shall be completed and submitted to the Supervisor within thirty (30) days after the Supervisor requests such data.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§60-104 and 60-1-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed June 29, 1982; effective August 13, 1982.

**1040-3-1-.07 BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE TESTS.** Bottomhole Pressure Tests shall be conducted and submitted to the Supervisor within thirty (30) days after the Supervisor requests such data.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §60-1-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974.

**1040-3-1-.08 REPEALED.**

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